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Sharp decline in ground-water level

46 out of 176 taluks in State staring at acute water crisis

Zilla Panchayat CEO K. Jyothi watering a plant to inaugurate the awareness workshop on ground-water at State Institute of Urban Development (SIUD) on Lalitha Mahal Road this morning as Senior Geologist (Ground-water Survey) K.V.R. Choudhry, Department of Mines and Geology Joint Director Mahantesh, SIUD Director G. Venkatesh Kadagadakai, Director of Directorate of Ground-Water, Bengaluru, B.T. Kantharaju and retired ISRO Scientist Prof. V. Jagannath look on.

Mysuru, Feb.18 (MTY&DM)- A day-long awareness workshop on saving ground-water, organised jointly by the Directorate of Ground-water Resources, Bengaluru and the District Office, Ground-water, Mysuru, began at the State Institute of Urban Development (SIUD) located in the premises of Abdul Nazir Sab State Institute of Rural Development (ANSSIRD) on Lalitha Mahal Road here this morning.

B.T. Kantharaju, Director, Directorate of Ground-water, Bengaluru, who spoke after releasing a Handbook on *'Ground-water'*, said that according to a latest report, 46 out of the 176 taluks in State have witnessed sharp decline in ground-water levels and are staring at acute water crisis in the coming days.

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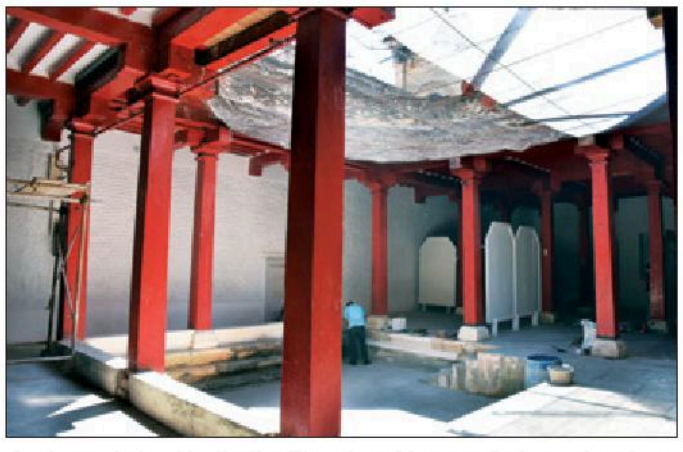
Karikallu Thotti renovation to be completed in three months: Pramoda Devi



A view of the Karikallu Thotti at Mysore Palace that is under renovation. Picture right shows Pramoda Devi Wadiyar displaying the book 'Srividya Sankeerthana Sudhalahari' which will be on sale at Senate Bhavan in Manasagangothri on Feb. 20 where Rajya Sabha MP Jairam Ramesh is scheduled to deliver a lecture on 'Jayachamaraja Wadiyar and the Indian Board of Wildlife' at 3 pm.

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (RKB&SD)- The HH Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar (SDNR) Foundation has taken up renovation of Karikallu Thotti in Mysore Palace and the works will be completed in three months, said President of the Foundation Pramoda Devi Wadiyar.

Addressing a press conference at Palace premises here this morning, she said "As the structure is very old, the renovation work will be carried out stage by stage at a slow pace. We have consulted heritage experts in this regard and will be using the same kind of materials that has been used to construct this heritage structure."

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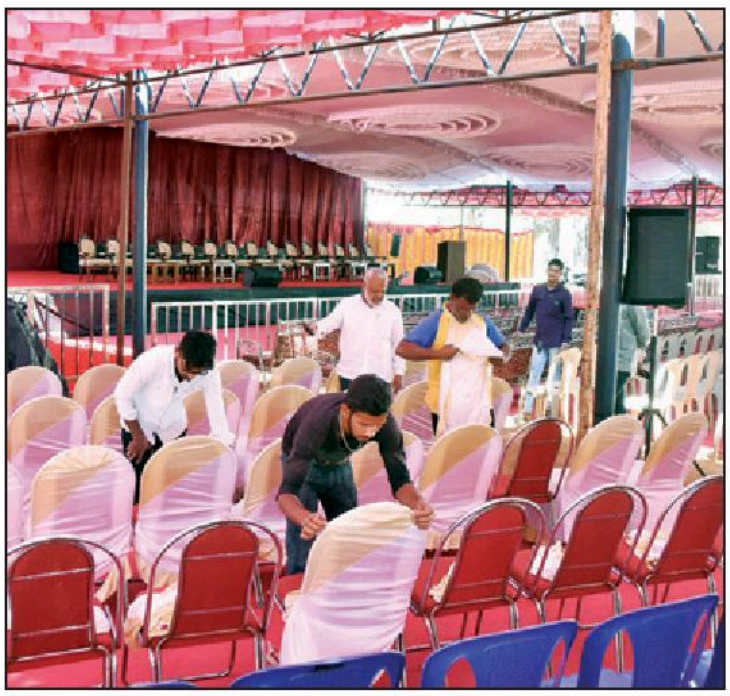
Mega Job Mela from tomorrow



Mysuru, Feb.18 (PM&DM)- Hectic activity was seen this morning at the Scouts and Guides Grounds in preparation for the Mega Job Mela scheduled to begin tomorrow.

The two-day Job Mela has been organised by the Mysore District Administration, Mysuru Zilla Panchayat, Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Department and the Department of Industrial Training and Employment.

District Minister V. Somanna will inaugurate the Job Fair at 11 am tomorrow (Feb.19).

More than 150 companies including 70 each from Mysuru and Bengaluru, are expected to participate in the event tomorrow. Already 3,516 job aspirants have registered online and more are expected to register today and tomorrow.

Those interested in taking part, can register online at *www.mysorejobfair.in*. There will be offline registrations too, for which 10 counters will be set up at the venue. Also, there will be an exclusive counter for specially-abled candidates.

The fair is open for candidates from Mysuru, Mandya and Kodagu districts and more than 10,000 job aspirants are expected to take part in this two-day event, which concludes on Feb.20.

The participating companies are from various sectors such as Information Technology, Bio-Technology, Automobile, Telecom, Textiles, Banking, Food Processing, etc.

The job fair is open for both men and women aspirants in the age group of 18 to 35 years, with qualifications ranging from a pass in seventh standard to Post-Graduate and Technical degrees.

Speaking to *SOM* this morning, District Skill Development Officer N.S. Shivanna said while last year the Job Mela attracted over 5,000 aspirants mainly from Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts this year the expectation is that over 10,000 job aspirants will take part in the mega job fair. He also said that all civic amenities such as drinking water and mobile toilets had been arranged along with emergency first-aid facilities at the venue.

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Adding insult to injury

Dailies are regularly informing the land's people about its volatile economic health, often flashing the trend under multi-column headline, with expressions indicating less-than-targetted Gross Domestic Product (GDP), fiscal deficit and current account deficit not within norms, slowdown of the economy, declining volume of public consumption and so on. Even as the reports relating to these issues are pouring in, the top brass in the Government is upbeat about reversing the trend in the worsening economic health while the vociferous speakers in the Opposition are passing strongly worded remarks, adding insult to injury as it were. Lay readers of the dailies may not grasp the full meaning of most of the expressions originating from the pundits but cannot miss the sting in the *outcome* of the nation's economic ill health, particularly unabated rise in *unemployment*, soaring prices of all consumer goods, road shows hurting normal life in society by various outfits protesting Government's policies and measures, lawless scenes created by anti-social elements, unrest in the industry sector and so on. The cost of not arresting these consequences to the nation is not only mounting by the day but also hurting the nation's economic health beyond the ability of the ruling class.

People-friendly policies, programmes consistent with most of those policies and impressive slogans egging the people to pull up their socks and contribute their mite to the revival of the sagging economy seem to have hit a roadblock in the implementation stages, thanks to the perfunctory style of working by the functionaries in the Government, barring exceptions.

Irrespective of the political party or coalition of parties vested with the onerous responsibility of governing the country, whole-hearted and cohesive participation of the citizens, particularly the economically productive sections, in keeping the wheels of progress in the eternal motion cannot be overemphasised. Letting the educated youth of the country to remain unemployed is being blamed on successive Governments. Sources in the industry are lamenting that majority of University graduates in engineering subjects are lacking in skills enough to be taken in even as the atmosphere of unrest among the workforce seems to be left unaddressed. The prescription of reviving labour-intensive traditional trades, suited to the rural areas as suggested by a successful entrepreneur has its merits.

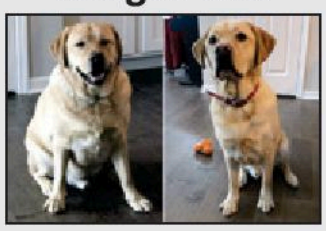
Engaging human resources in economically sound programmes, bestowing top priority to this action, needs whole-hearted participation by the players in industry and business sector, considering the view sourced to an official in IMF (International Monetary Fund), an organisation of 189 countries, that automation may take away nearly ten percent of existing jobs in the country. Achieving the ideal of wages sufficient to support the family of each worker lies in the lap of the worker only.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A BUREAUCRAT'S LAST LAUGH: ***Bureaucrats joining private companies is not new. But tainted ones joining a debt-ridden firm and turning it around is surprising and, if one may add, a quasi-vindication of the gamble. An IAS officer who had graft and fraud charges against him resigned with the regime change in the State to whose cadre he belonged. He soon joined an infrastructure company before the new Government opened any cases to implicate him. The company also concluded its two-year-long efforts to find a suitor for its troubled projects at the same time and took him on board despite the taint. Maybe here it was a bit of "prior experience and contacts" that counted. No one's judging, said a competitor, but clearly the company and the ex-bureaucrat had the last laugh.*** *—In Business Standard*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Obese dog looks miserable after weight-loss



Illinois: A labrador has replaced his signature smile with a frown after being forced to cut out his favourite human snacks - but his owner insists he's very happy with his new bod.

Hilarious before and after photos of Miller the dog has seen a dramatic change in his expression after shedding almost a quarter of his bodyweight. Despite previously tipping the scales at a whopping 48kg - almost 13kg over a healthy weight for his breed - he always appeared jolly with a belly full of peanut butter.

Miller's enthusiasm for snacks proved to be his downfall after he gobbled down a beer holder, requiring surgery.

Owner Jackie Hensley took him for surgery to have it removed in Illinois and a vet revealed that Miller would need to lose weight to alleviate stress of the stitches and improve his general health.

The impressive achievement has been celebrated by everyone, except, it appears, Miller himself, who now wears a constant scowl - with Jackie admitting he looks 'a bit sad' as he's no longer enjoying so many treats.

Eye-less creature with dolphin-like head washes up on beach

Destiladeras: An odd creature with dolphin-like head, sharp fanged teeth and a long snake-like tail has washed up on a beach.

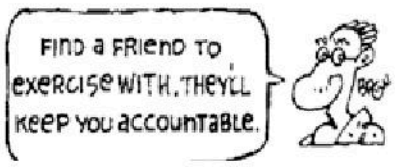
Shocked locals found the mysterious animal on the Destiladeras beach on the Pacific coast of Mexico, but no-one has been able to identify it.

According to local reports, the animal does not have eyes, prompting some to predict that it may well have come from deep in the Pacific Ocean where no light penetrates and eyes are not needed.

If that is the case, they have no idea how it would washed up on the beach from the depths.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How many people don't get enough exercise?



A new study by the World Health Organisation revealed that 27% of people worldwide don't meet the minimum requirements for adequate exercise: 75 minutes per week of vigorous exercise, 150 minutes of moderate exercise.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Workshop on self-employment opportunities for women at RUDSET

Mysuru, Feb.18- RUDSET Institute, Hinkal, Mysuru, proposes to conduct a one-day workshop on "Self-employment Opportunities for Women" on March 8 as part of International Women's Day at its campus.

Interested women in the age group of 18 to 45 years may register their names with RUDSETI during its office hours in the working days.

Women who intend to become self-employed can directly drop-in with Photostat copies of Aadhaar card, educational qualification and one passport size photograph and register their name directly at the Institute.

Women belonging to Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar can participate in the programme. For further information contact V. Ravindra on Mob: 81055-26792.

7K run for 'Rare Diseases Day' in city on March 8

Mysuru, Feb. 18- As part of World Rare Diseases Day (Feb. 29), ORDI Race for 7 event will be organised in 18 cities across India in the months of February and March. The second edition of the Mysuru event, a 7-km Run-Walkathon, will be organised on Mar. 8 (Sunday) at 7 am. The event will be flagged off from Balarama Gate of Mysore Palace.

ORDI, in association with JSS Hospital, last year, opened Rare Disease Care Co-ordination Centre (RDCCC) for facilitating diagnosis, care and treatment of people from in and around the district affected with rare diseases. Prasanna Shirol, Co-founder and Executive Director, ORDI, said "Through 'Race for 7' we aim to spread awareness about challenges faced by rare disease patients in India and the urgent need to provide resources and care to treat them."

More than 1,000 participants are expected to take part in the event. All participants will receive T-Shirt and Finisher Medal. To register for the event, log onto: *www. http://registration.racefor7.com/* or call Mob: 99807-44332, according to a press release.

Really...?

- ***Home to Bugle Rock:** This natural rock formation that sprung up over 3,000 million years ago continues to dumbfound scientists and fill them with awe. It juts out from a flat piece of land, and is spread over sixteen acres. Bugle rock is a humongous rock with a garden and a watchtower built by Kempe Gowda, the founder of the city. Visitors to the watchtower will be treated to panoramic views of the city.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A newsboy was standing on the corner with a stack of papers, yelling, "Read all about it. Fifty people swindled! Fifty people swindled!" Curious, a man walked over, bought a paper, and checked the front page. Finding nothing, the man said, "There's nothing in here about fifty people being swindled." The newsboy ignored him and went on, calling out, "Read all about it. Fifty-one people swindled!"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 71.41
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 92.85
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.44
1 Euro	= Rs. 77.36

VOICE OF THE READER

Unscientific footpath

Sir,

I would like to bring to the notice of the authorities concerned the unscientific manner in which the footpath construction work is going on in Krishnavilasa Road parallel to D.D.Urs Road and everyday one can observe heavy traffic.

Since this road also has Avila Convent and Maharani's Junior College, this stretch is always busy and has very dense traffic. The footpath construction work started almost about a month back. The proposed footpath due for construction is 8 feet in width which is really unnecessary. Most people residing here, park their cars on the road. People who visit Urs Road for shopping also park their cars here.

It is observed that the shop owners of Devaraj Urs Road also park their vehicles in this road, as it is very difficult to get parking space on Urs Road. The autos and cabs picking and dropping school children park their vehicles on the road. Hence the road has become very narrow after the construction of the new footpath.

I request the authorities to reconsider the plan and construct the footpath, may be 3 feet wide. This ensures smooth flow of traffic and enough space for pedestrians also.

—Aggrieved residents
Krishnavilasa Road
10.2.2020

Signal jumping menace

Sir,

This is in response to the letter titled ***"Unruly Signal Jumping"*** (*SOM* dated Feb.9) by Mohit Muthappa. Signal jumping is common at all signals in Mysuru. Needless to say, it can be very dangerous.

Unfortunately, the Police, if at all present at the signal, turn a blind eye to this menace. Instead, the Inspectors and Constables set up check points at blind corners and check vehicles for helmetless riding, etc. Though wearing of helmet and seatbelt is compulsory and offenders need to be pulled up, abiding law at traffic signals is far more important since it could even lead to fatal accidents.

I request the Police Commissioner and Traffic Police to become strict with violators at traffic signals and usage of mobile phone while driving. Installation of working cameras along with levying fines could also help in curbing this menace.

—D.R. Shivram
Yadavagiri
10.2.2020

'All Kendriya Vidyalaya Schools must have one Special Educator'

Mysuru, Feb.18- For the betterment of special children, Government of India has said that all the Kendriya Vidyalaya Schools across the country should have one Special Educator, said Dr. M. Pushpavathi, Director of All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru.

Delivering the presidential address during the two-day national seminar on '*Paradigm Shift in Early Childhood Education for Children with Communication Disorders*' organised by Department of Special Education of AIISH at its seminar hall here on Monday, she said "Once these children get the facility of Special Educators, they can provide them better coaching method. Special Educators will teach special children in a simple method. In Western countries, each and every school will have a Speech Pathologist, Special Educators, Physiotherapist and Application Therapists."

"Early childhood is a crucial phase of growth and development. Knowledge acquired during early childhood can affect the entire course of an individual's life. Education during this period is fundamental and can significantly shape the later years of an individual's life. He or she may not understand or make the sounds of speech. The child may also struggle with word choice, word order, or sentence structure. For children with communication disorders, it is a vital time to ensure access to interventions which can help them to reach their full potential," she added.

Earlier, Himangshu Das, Director, NIPMED, Chennai, inaugurated the seminar. This was followed by talks by eminent professionals like Hikari Nishizawa, Senior Special Education Teacher from Japan and paper presentations by professional and students. Alok Kumar Upadhyay, Associate Professor, AIISH, is the Seminar Convenor.

No power supply in various parts of city and villages tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 18- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted in many parts of city and villages tomorrow from 10 am to 5 pm:

Vijayanagar Power Distribution Centre: Gokulam 1st, 2nd and 3rd Stages, Mahadeshwara Layout, Vijayanagar 1st and 2nd Stages, Hinkal, Yadavagiri, Manjunathapura, Mahajana Layout, Vontikoppal, Jayalakshmipuram, CFTRI, DC House, Nurse Quarters, Akashavani, ESI Hospital, Kalidasa Road, Vijayanagar Water Tank, Adipampa Road, MMC Ladies Hostel, Gen. Thimayya Road, Brindavan Extension and surrounding areas.

KHB Power Distribution Centre: Hootagalli, KRS Road, Aditya Layout, SRS Colony, Koorgalli, Belwadi, NHB Colony, Belwadi Industrial area, Basavanapura, Hootagalli Industrial Area, Grand Mourya Hotel, Reliance, Yeshasvini choultry, Souparnika Apartment, Jattihundi and surrounding areas.

Bannimantap Power Distribution Centre: Siddique Nagar, Shivarathreeshwara Nagar, Colombia Asia Hospital, Hanumanthanagar, HUDCO 'C' Layout, KSRTC Layout, Industrial 'B' Layout, Highway Circle, *Star of Mysore* surrounding areas, Cauvery Nagar, Belavatha, Sadanahalli, Siddalingapura, KR Mill, Naganahalli, Lakshmipuram, Kalasthawadi, Bengaluru-Mysuru Road, Subhashnagar, Kesare 1st and 2nd Stages and surrounding areas.

GIS Kalamandira Power Distribution Centre: Saraswathipuram 1st to 16th Main, New Kantharaj Urs Road, KG Koppal, University Quarters, Muslim Hostel, Murugan Medicals to Kukkharahalli Lake Road, Paduvarahalli, Regional Commissioner Office, CFTRI Campus, Valmiki Road, Vontikoppal, Hunsur Main Road, Vagdhevinagar, JC College, Chamaraja Mohalla, ZP Office, Court Complex, Shivarampet, Dewan's Road, Dhanvanthri Road, JK Grounds, JLB Road and surrounding areas.

Bogadi Power Distribution Centre: Janathanagar, Bogadi 2nd Stage North and South, Gangothri Campus, Dasanakoppal, Kergalli, Martikyathanahalli, Roopanagar, Deepanagar, Vijayashreepura, Sudha Layout, SBM Layout and surrounding areas.

Chandalli Power Distribution Centre - 9 am to 5 pm: Doddehundi, T. Doddapura, Shambudevanapura, Akkuru, Akkorudoddi, Maranapura villages and GP limits.

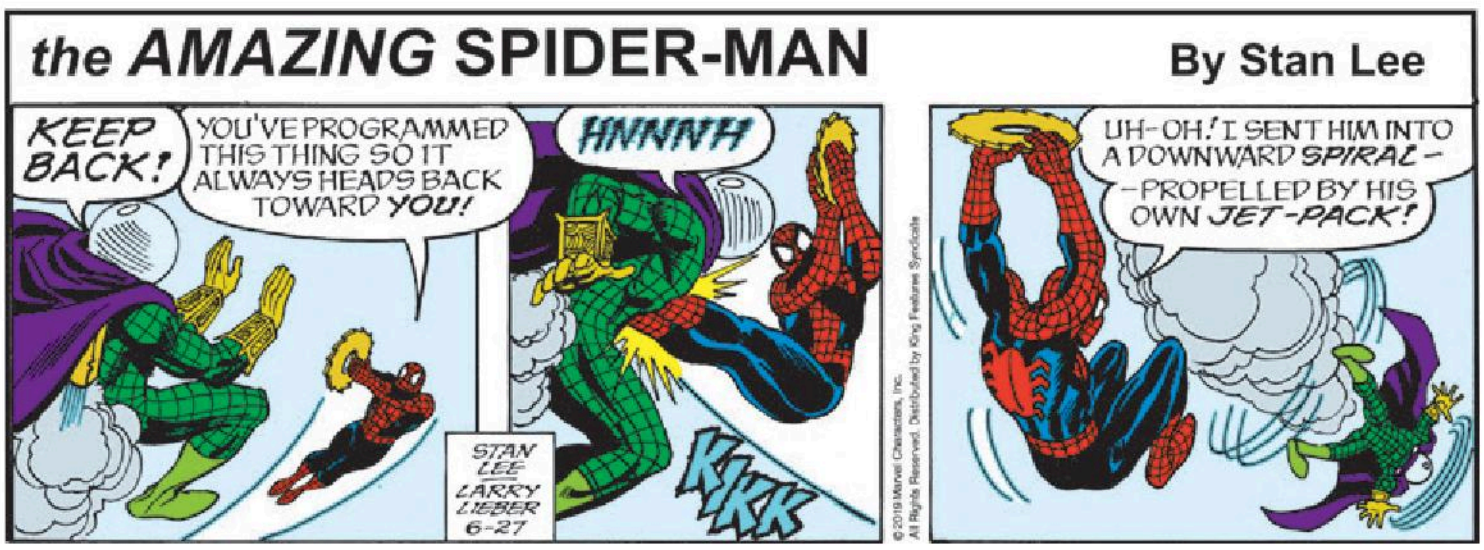
DMG Halli Power Distribution Centre: Kamarahalli, Manikyapura,, Doddahattihundi, Mariyayanahundi, Kattehundi, Shettinayakanahalli and surrounding villages.

Jayapura Power Distribution Centre: Jayapura Gram Panchyat (GP) limits, Marballi GP limits, Gopalapura GP limits, Udbur GP limits, Dhanagalli GP limits, Harohalli GP limits and surrounding villages, according to a press release from CESC.

Talk on 'Energy, Economics, Climate Change' tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb.18- Mysore Open Forum has organised a talk on 'The Troubling Triad - Energy, Economics, Climate Change' by ***Dr. Vombatkere*** Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Dr. S.G. Vombatkere, at 6 pm on Feb. 19 (Wednesday) at Kalpa Kshetra auditorium, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, Mysore (Mob: 9449819536). The talk is open to all.

Dr. Vombatkere will discuss various related aspects of Energy, Economics and Climate change. The endless cycle of economic growth impacts increasing numbers of people, especially those sections of society which are adversely affected by depletion of natural capital and its downstream environmental and social effects. It is unrealistic to believe that the real-world of finite natural resources can support the present economic paradigm of perpetual economic growth, although there may be little realisation of this at leadership levels globally. This economic paradigm has no handle on addressing global warming and climate change.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NEWS BRIEFS

Applications Invited

The Department of Pre-University and Vocational Education has invited applications in the prescribed format for sanction of additional subjects, combination of subjects and class sections in the year 2020-21. Interested PU Colleges can apply along with supporting documents to the Deputy Director of Pre-University Education, Naryana Shastry Road, Mysuru, before Feb. 29.

Calling Arya Vysya community

In order to get loans, scholarship and for other training purposes, the State Government has instructed those belonging to Arya Vysya community to compulsorily collect their caste certificates from Nadakacheri office in Bengaluru, Bangalore One or Karnataka One offices or log on to www.nadakacheri.karnataka.gov.in. For more details, call Mob: 94484-51111 or toll free number: 1800-599-0044, according to a press release from Karnataka Arya Vysya Community Development Centre.

Mass Marriage

Mysuru and Chamarajanagar District Veerashaiva Mathadhipatigala Goshti, Mysuru, in association with Sri Virakta Mutt, Harave, has organized free mass marriage for Veerashaiva community at Sri Virakta Mutt in Harave of Chamarajanagar on Mar.15. The bride will be provided with saree, mangalya and silver toe ring and the groom with shirt and dhoti, free of cost. Interested may collect the application form from the Mysuru and Chamarajanagar District Veerashaiva Mathadhipatigala Goshti premises, Jagadguru Dr. Shivarathri Rajendra Circle, Mysuru or Sri Virakta Mutt in Harave and submit the complete form along with relevant documents before Mar. 5. For details, contact Sri Sarpabhushana Swamiji on Mob: 99641-51105 or Sri Mahadevaprasad on 94490-30588.

Elected Directors

Thirteen candidates were elected unopposed as Directors (2020-25) of KSRTC Workers Housing Co-operative Society on Feb.11. The Directors elected are — M. Mallaiah, C.T. Manjunath, K.S. Manjunath, H. Hemanthkumar, Joseph Shylendra, P. Nagaraju, Mallikarjunaswamy, Vishalakshi, H.R.Cheluvamba, Lokanath, Devegowda, M. Ravi and M. Siddalingaiah.

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Over 27 passengers injured as tipper rams into KSRTC bus

Srirangapatna, Feb.18 (Nagaiah&KS)- Over 27 passengers of a KSRTC bus sustained injuries when a tipper rammed into the bus near K. Settihalli in the taluk yesterday morning.

Those injured are Nataraj, Padma, Sachin, Pruthvi, Govinda, Mahesh, Sinchana, Lakshmi, Hemanth and Abhishek. Preethi, one among the injured has suffered a fracture and is undergoing treatment at a hospital in Mysuru.

The KSRTC bus, which was proceeding towards Srirangapatna from Mandya, stopped at K. Settihalli for the passengers to alight when the speeding tipper rammed into the bus from behind resulting in the passengers falling on top of one another while some hit the iron rods meant for passengers to hold while travelling, thus injuring them.

The accident took place between 9.30 am and 10 am when a number of students, teachers and employees, close to around 40, were travelling in the bus. Srirangapatna Police, who rushed to the spot, shifted the injured with the help of the public to Srirangapatna General Hospital, where they were provided first-aid and were later shifted to a hospital in Mysuru.

The tipper that rammed into the KSRTC bus belongs to one Ramakrishnaiah of Srirangapatna and yesterday morning, the tipper loaded with stones at Brahmalingeshwara Stone Crushers was proceeding towards Mysuru.

Srirangapatna Police have taken the tipper driver into custody, and are investigating.

A case has been registered at Srirangapatna Rural Police Station.

Rider injured as cell phone explodes

Basavaraju

Nanjangud, Feb.18 (KS)- A two-wheeler rider suffered injuries after he fell from his bike when the mobile phone on which he was talking while riding, exploded. The incident took place at Hullahalli in the taluk yesterday.

The injured rider is 48-year-old H.M. Basavaraju, former Hullahalli Gram Panchayat President and Vice-President of Government PU College Development Committee.

On Sunday evening, Basavaraju, who had been to his friend's farm at Taraganahalli was returning home via Kurihundi Road, when the cell phone kept in his pocket began to ring. When Basavaraju received the call while he was still riding, the phone exploded. Basavaraju, who lost control of his scooter, fell down.

Following the incident, Basavaraju has suffered injuries on his neck and chest and also sustained injuries on his head.

Nearby villagers, who saw him lying on the road, shifted him to a hospital in Mysuru.

Hullahalli Police have registered a case.

Woman abandons infant on footpath

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (KS)- A mentally challenged woman has disappeared after abandoning her nine-month-old infant on the footpath near Sewage Farm in Vidyaranyapuram last morning.

Public who saw the infant lying on the footpath informed the Police, who rushed to the spot, rescued the infant and admitted the baby to Sakhi Centre at Cheluvamba Hospital.

District Child Protection Officer S. Diwakar, speaking to *SOM* said that a mentally challenged woman along with two men claiming to be the woman's husband and father-in-law had come to claim the baby, but further action would be taken after examining the documents, Diwakar added.

Gold chain snatched in city

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (RK&KS)- A bike-borne miscreant has snatched a gold chain from a woman on Ningaiahanakere Road near Hebbal Main Road on Sunday.

Chikkathayamma, a resident of Kumbarakoppal is the one who lost her gold chain. After alighting from a bus at Hebbal Main Road junction, Chikkathayamma was walking towards her home when the miscreant wearing a helmet yanked of her gold chain worth about Rs. 60,000 and sped away.

Metagalli Police have registered a case.

Young Kannada playback singer Sushmitha commits suicide

Alleges torture and harassment by husband and his family members

Sushmitha

Bengaluru, Feb.18- Young, talented Kannada playback singer Sushmitha (26) has allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself at her mother's residence in Nagarabhavi in city yesterday.

Sushmitha hanged herself from a ceiling and it is claimed that she took the dreadful step after being harassed by her husband Sharath Kumar and his aunt. Sushmitha had also sent messages to her brother before taking the extreme step.

According to the Police, Sushmitha, a resident of Kumaraswamy Layout, came to her mother's house in Nagarabhavi on Sunday, had dinner and chatted with her mother Meenakshi and brother Sachin before going to sleep. At about 1 am, she (Sushmitha) sent messages to her brother, asking him to show it to their mother. On WhatsApp messages, Sushmitha stated the tough time she was having with her husband Sharath Kumar and his family members, forcing her to commit suicide. Sushmitha had a fight with her husband Sharath, a car showroom Manager, before coming to her mother's house, it is learnt.

The WhatsApp message said, "Sorry Amma, I am paying the price for my mistakes. My husband used to torture me by listening to his aunt. Whenever there was an argument, he forced me to get out of the house. Do not let them go unpunished. Sharath, Vaidehi and Geetha are directly responsible for my death. I pleaded with Sharath and also fell at his feet, but he did not respond. I do not want to die in Sharath's house. I have been facing this kind of harassment since day one of my marriage, but I did not reveal this to anyone. Perform my last rites in our place and let my brother perform my last rites."

Acting on a complaint from Sushmitha's mother, the Police who have registered a case against Sharath, Vaidehi and Geetha, have launched a hunt to nab them.

Sushmitha sung for movies like *'Haalu Tuppa', 'Sri Saamanya'* among many others.

CM Yediyurappa's 77th birthday

on Feb. 27 to be a 'non-partisan' event

Four former CMs to felicitate the Chief Minister

B.S. Yediyurappa

S.M. Krishna Siddharamaiah Sadananda Gowda Kumaraswamy

Bengaluru, Feb.18- B.S. Yediyurappa, the only Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Chief Minister the party has chosen for public office beyond the 75-year age limit, is all set to celebrate his 77th birthday on Feb. 27 as a grand public event. A felicitation volume is being planned to be released on that day.

Though many senior leaders of the BJP, including Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, will take part, it is planned as a "non-partisan" event, said sources. Opposition leaders and former CMs Siddharamaiah from the Congress and H.D. Kumaraswamy from the Janata Dal (Secular) are expected to participate.

"Four former Chief Ministers of the State — S.M. Krishna, Siddharamaiah, D.V. Sadananda Gowda and Kumaraswamy — will felicitate the Chief Minister. It is a rare non-partisan occasion to appreciate the long public life of Yediyurappa, also reflecting the democratic traditions of the State," said Mahadeva Prakash, Media Adviser to the CM.

The felicitation volume includes 78 articles about Yediyurappa from all walks of life — politicians cutting across party lines, bureaucrats, writers, spiritual leaders and even scientists — he added.

In a faction-ridden party and amid persistent rumours that refuse to die that central leadership is looking beyond Yediyurappa to take the lead in the State, the event seeks to reassert the CM's position as the only leader of high stature within the party, sources close to Yediyurappa said.

"The high command has also often not dealt with him with the respect he deserves, being the senior-most Chief Minister and a mass leader of the party in the country today. The delay in flood relief and Cabinet expansion, and forcing on him three deputies, have created bad optics. He now seeks to remould himself in the role of a senior Statesman, whom even the high command cannot ignore," a strategist close to the Chief Minister said.

Ch'nagar DC reviews preparations for five-day M.M. Hills Jathra

Chamarajanagar, Feb.18- With the five-day Jathra as part of Mahashivaratri scheduled to take place at M.M.Hills in Hanur Taluk from Feb.20 to 24, Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner Dr. M.R. Ravi chaired a review meeting of the preparations at Nagamale Bhavan atop M.M.Hills on Friday.

Addressing the meeting, he directed the officials to ensure basic amenities to the devotees and to make necessary arrangements for vehicle-parking, with lakhs of devotees from across the State expected to take part. Asking the officials to set up drinking water points for the benefit of devotees who come by walk from Koudalli to M.M.Hills, he said that Kiosks will be installed at Talbetta for the benefit of devotees.

Noting that the use of plastic has been banned atop the Hills, the DC said that awareness campaigns must be taken out against the use of plastics and to maintain hygiene and cleanliness in the vicinity. With lakhs of devotees expected to take part in the event, the authorities must ensure regular disposal of wastes and garbage in a scientific manner, for which more personnel must be deployed.

Calling for 24x7 medical service during the Jathra, he asked Hotels and Restaurants to maintain hygiene and cleanliness. Directing the officials to ensure that there will be no sale, stocking and transportation of liquor during the event, he said that the Police must ensure smooth flow of vehicles and that there is adequate parking facility atop the Hill. He asked the officials to carry out the tasks assigned to them with full responsibility and transparency.

Salur Mutt Seer Guruswamy, SP H.D. Anandkumar, M.M. Hills Development Authority Secretary Jayavibhavaswamy, Deputy Secretary Rajasekharmurthy, Assistant Commissioner Nikhita M. Chinnaswami, Tahsildar K. Kunal and others were present.

Mysuru-Chennai High-Speed Rail Project off the blocks

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (Agencies)- Following the Union Government identifying Mysuru-Bengaluru-Chennai as one of the six corridors in the nation for a High-Speed Rail, the dreams of high-speed travel between Mysuru and Chennai has been revived after a long hiatus.

Giving a further boost to the project, the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRL) has called two separate tenders to identify preliminary route and final alignment design for the project, along with five other corridors across the country with total length of 8,218 kms.

On Jan. 29, Railway Board Chairman V.K. Yadav had stated that Railways had identified six sections including the 435-km Mysuru-Bengaluru-Chennai for high-speed and semi-high-speed corridors.

Announcing the project to bidders, NHSRL said it would be ushering India into the club of 15 countries in the world using high-speed rail system. The work on preliminary route alignment, likely to be awarded by June, has a deadline of six months.

The work on designing final alignment, including LiDAR aerial survey and related works, will have to be completed in 470 days after awarding of contract.

LiDAR surveying method measures the distance to a target by illuminating the target with laser light and measuring the reflected light with a sensor.

According to the tender details, the study will have to be conducted to develop a route through which 300 kilometre per hour speed can be achieved. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) is likely to be prepared by the National High Speed Rail Corporation of India once the survey is completed.

During the survey, a realistic data will be collected to prepare a preliminary route development based on certain parameters including connectivity to the city, the available infrastructure, land acquisition and environmental impact.

Once the project is implemented, the high-speed train from Mysuru to Chennai via Bengaluru will take just two hours and 25 minutes as against the current seven hours in Shatabdi Express which is the fastest train on this route. On a normal train journey, it takes over 10 hours to travel between the two cities. Shatabdi travels at a maximum speed of 110 kms per hour.

The bullet train will run at a maximum speed of 320 kilometres per hour and the actual distance from Mysuru to Chennai is over 485 kilometres while the bullet train corridor will be 435 kilometres. Going by the train speed, it can cover the 145-km distance from Mysuru to Bengaluru in just 45 minutes.

The concept of high-speed Railway between Mysuru and Chennai was first proposed in the financial year 2008-2009. China Railway Eryuan Engineering Group conducted the first interim feasibility study in June 2015 and subsequently, Germany was asked to take up the feasibility study project and a report was submitted to the Railway Board in November 2018.

Nirbhaya convicts to now hang on Mar. 3: Delhi Court

New Delhi, Feb. 18 (Agencies)- The four convicts, who got death penalty for the gangrape and murder of a 23-year-old medical student in Delhi, dubbed Nirbhaya by the media, more than seven years ago, will be hanged on Mar. 3 at 6 am. **This is the third death warrant issued by the Court.** The two earlier ones could not be carried out as the convicts took it in turns to use every legal option available to them. Monday's death warrant was issued after the Tihar jail authorities informed the trial court that three of the four convicts — Vinay Sharma, Pawan Gupta, Mukesh Singh and Akshay Singh — have exhausted all legal options and none of them have any correspondence pending at the moment.

That still leaves one convict, Vinay Sharma who has not filed a curative petition or mercy plea to the President. But they have also exhausted the one week allowed by the High Court to exercise all their legal option and will need to go to the Top Court to get an extension.

"I hope this will be the final date for hanging," said the mother of the woman, adding that she was "very happy" with the Court's decision.

The woman's parents, who have been carrying out a spirited fight for justice, had filed an appeal in the trial court for a fresh death warrant after the week allowed by the High Court allowed the convicts to explore all legal means came to an end.

After incessant efforts by the convicts to delay the execution, the High Court had said they would get only a week to explore all "legal remedies" after which the family would be free to seek a fresh death warrant from the trial court.

When God is not a vote catcher

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

Aam Aadmi's victory in Delhi was of course no surprise. Then again, it was a big surprise. How could a common man's party win over a party headed by very uncommon men? Arvind Kejriwal and Manish Sisodia are Lilliputians over whom Narendra Modi and Amit Shah tower as Brobdingnagians. Perhaps that itself explained the surprise. Against the contrived and politicised Hindutva of the BJP, **Kejriwal presented the ordinary man's ordinary faith when he visited the Hanuman Temple, invoked Lord Hanuman's blessings upon all and said his party's victory was a good sign for the nation. For him Hanuman was a God to pray to, not a means to canvass votes.**

The BJP's tactic of exploiting religiosity for political gain will one day collapse because for the general public religion is a means for communication with one's God and nothing else. Kejriwal did not canvass votes in Hanuman's name. He simply showed that he faithfully followed his religion, like most Indians do. Even the populist politics of Tamil Nadu did not use God as a bait. DMK offered only TV sets, mixies, laptops, grinders, fans, rice etc. while AIADMK offered all these plus half a sovereign of gold for brides. God was kept outside politics and all was well.

To get the perspective right, we must take a look at Gujarat. What the late Praful Bidwai called "Gujarat's ultraconservative, upperclass, savarna-dominated ruling social coalition" created a mindset long before BJP arrived on the political map, even before Democracy arrived in India. Hindutva concepts grew naturally in the ultraconservative soil of Gujarat. The State's economic indicators, from health indices to gender empowerment measurements, have always been low. But its communal antennae were on the alert from the historical past. It is no surprise that both Narendra Modi and Amit Shah are products of Gujarat politics.

With power in their hands and a tradition that made the pursuit of hardline Hindutva a matter of duty, Modi and Shah were true to their belief system and openly assertive. The more blatant they grew, the more disconcerted were those who considered the Government's policies wrong. Some opposed it openly, some resented it privately. Some felt too scared to react. **In fact the emergence of fear as a factor on the political scene is something new in the history of our Democracy.** Even Indira Gandhi's Emergency did not frighten people. **The present tendency to see the Government as a bugaboo is a defining feature of Modi's India.**

There is a pattern in the way the Government's investigative agencies are used. There is no effort even to hide the reality of intimidating critics and rewarding supporters. A recent case involved the two reigning superstars of Tamil filmdom. Vijay got a dressing down while Rajinikanth got a bouquet. Vijay is generally seen as a star with political ambitions. In a film or two, he also delivered whip-lash dialogues critical of the powers that be. It electrified his fans, but it also made him suspect in the eyes of Hindutva ideologues. No wonder he was taken off the set a week ago and questioned for 30 hours by enforcement agencies.

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No one missed the point that around the same time three cases against Rajinikanth were withdrawn by the authorities. The public was happy because Rajinikanth's contributions to popular culture remain unrivalled. Nevertheless, the contrast between the State's handling of Vijay on the one hand and Rajinikanth on the other could not be missed. Raijni appreciated it by eloquently supporting controversial policies such as the recent Citizenship Amendment Act. "People are saying that this will threaten Muslims. How is it a threat to Muslim?," he asked innocently. The BJP leadership appreciates innocence.

Actually, the BJP leadership has been very open about what it appreciates. It appreciated the Uttar Pradesh culture Minister's decision to keep the Taj Mahal in Agra out of the Government's list of "tourist attractions in the State." This was after appreciating MLA Sangeet Som's description of the Taj Mahal as "a blot on Indian culture." The same Shri Som won appreciation for declaring that the Government was taking steps to erase Babar, Akbar and Aurangzeb from history.

BJP leaders are so pre-occupied with their oddball view of history and culture that they fail to understand how infiltrators like Arvind Kejriwal sneak in from the sidelines. Here's a tip. Imagine the BJP without the popularity of Narendra Modi's oratory. **Imagine the party and Government being led by Amit Shah. That is when we will see multiple Kerjriwals rising across BJP territory.**

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Can you find all the words starting with 'C' hidden in the puzzle? You must look up, down, left, right and diagonally to find them.
The words to look for are:
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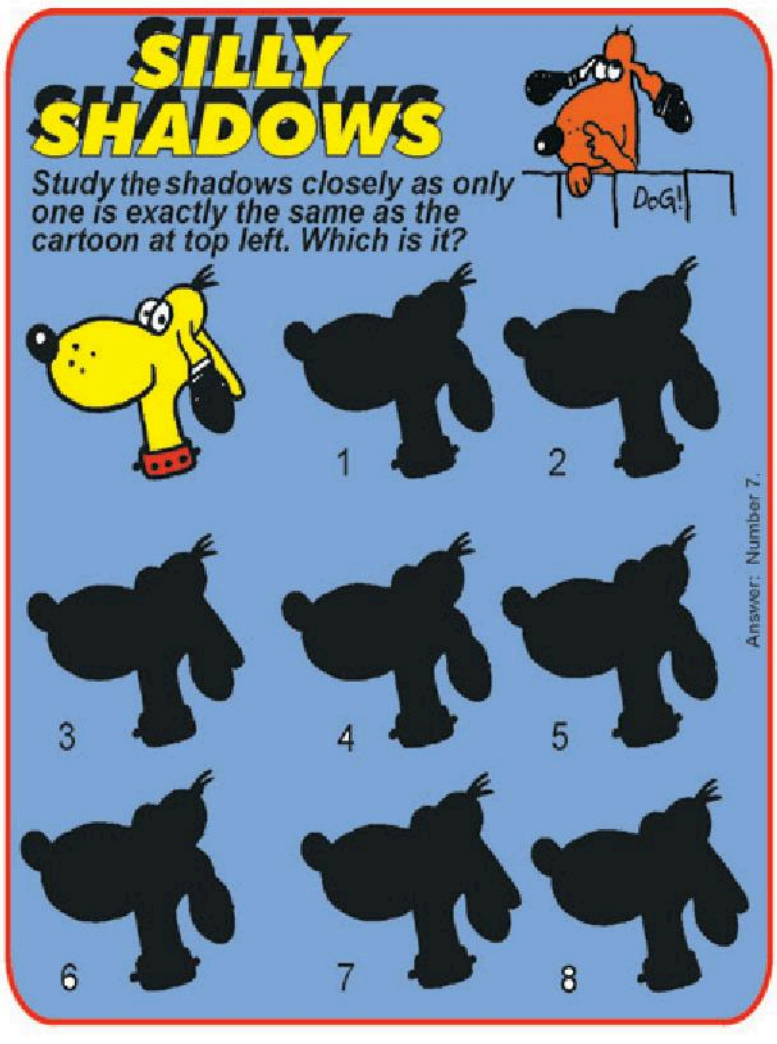

Netas' lack of will has hindered *Gandhi Patha*'s forward movement: Writer Roopa Hassan

Writer Roopa Hassan addressing the gathering at the National Seminar organised as part of 'Bahuroopi 2020' at Kirurangamandira in Kalamandira premises yesterday.

Mysuru, Feb.18 (PM&DM)- Maintaining that Gandhiji's dream of Gram Swaraj would have been realised had our people representatives displayed will, noted writer Roopa Hassan regretted that 'Gandhi patha' is moving backwards, instead of racing forward.

She was speaking on the topic 'Gandhi - Rural India' at the National Seminar organised as part of 'Bahuroopi 2020' National Theatre Festival at Kirurangamandira in Kalamandira premises here yesterday.

Noting that India was a country with 80 percent villages when Gandhi conceptualised 'Gram Swaraj' decades ago, Roopa Hassan said that 60 percent of the country's population still live in rural areas.

Bemoaning the mushrooming of slums in cities and urban areas, she said that many villages came out of darkness, superstitions, illiteracy etc., after drawing inspiration from Gandhi's concept of Gram Swaraj. But despite Gandhi's efforts, the villages are yet to fully come out of evil practices, she regretted.

Continuing, she said that Gandhi always believed vocational training must be introduced at the primary level and that rampant automation was detrimental to the interests of the country as this would render crores of youths jobless.

Expressing concern that villages have become dumping yards of urban waste, she said that Gandhiji was of the opinion that concentration of money and power with a handful of individuals posed a big threat to democracy and the concept of Gram Swaraj.

Stating that the Panchayat Raj system was introduced based on the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, she argued that the rural scenario underwent a significant transformation because of the Panchayat Raj system of administration.

Lamenting the construction of temples for Nathuram Godse, the killer of Mahatma Gandhi, Roopa claimed that the country was going through a period of hate and intolerance. Observing that Gandhi and Dr. Ambedkar were two eyes of the country, the writer said that although there were differences between the two, they had a common sight which is taking the country from darkness towards light.

While Gandhi fought for changing the hearts of people for the better, Dr. Ambedkar raised voice for human dignity and civil rights, she added.

Referring to Gandhiji's concern for the sexually exploited, Roopa said that the Mahatma had called upon women to revolt against the system through non-violent means.

Regretting that the Government is yet to implement the report submitted by the Government-constituted Committee, of which she was a member, on the rehabilitation of sexually exploited women, even after three years of submission, she wanted the Government to take stern measures for protecting the rights and dignity of women.

Pointing out that Gandhiji, believing that liquor ban was the best medicine for healthy villages, had fought for liquor-free villages, Roopa said that the display of Gandhiji's portraits in Excise Department offices, which issue liquor licenses, make a mockery of the Mahatma.

Expressing concern over break-up and destruction of families because of men becoming drunkards, she called upon the rural womenfolk to intensify stir against the menace.

Senior Journalist Ravindra Bhat said that Gandhiji often used to mention his profession as Journalism. Noting that Gandhiji had developed the power not to hate anyone, he said that Gandhiji always believed in truth and practised it throughout his life.

Although Gandhi's ideals and principles appeared simple at the outset, they required a great amount of commitment for practising them in life, he pointed out.

Social activist Kadashettihalli Satish too spoke. Senior Journalist Hrishikesh Bahadur Desai and others were present.

'Gandhiji's words relevant for all times'

Retired Professor Saraswathi, critic Prof. Nataraj Huliyar, thinker Prof. H.S. Shivaprakash and writer Leela Appaji at the Narional Seminar organised as part of Bahuroopi 2020 at Mini Theatre premises yesterday.

Mysuru, Feb.18 (SBD&DM)- Stating that Gandhiji's famous statement that he would speak from his grave even after death, was relevant for all times, noted critic and Director, Centre for Gandhian Studies, Bangalore University, Prof. Nataraj Huliyar said that Gandhiji's influence can be seen in almost all sectors. He was speaking on the topic 'Gandhi Across Mediums of expression' at the National Seminar organised as part of 'Bahuroopi 2020' at Mini Theatre premises yesterday.

Asserting that Gandhiji's influence was all pervasive, Prof. Huliyar said that the Mahatma's influence can be seen even in the ongoing Anti-CAA protests. Noting that Gandhiji is the strength for agitating women, he said that the agitators are inspired by Gandhiji's word that he would speak even from his grave.

Maintaining that Gandhi can be seen in all forms of literature, he called upon everyone to tread the path of the Mahatma. Highlighting the influence of Gandhiji in Kannada culture, he pointed out that noted writer Dr. Siddalingaiah had once said that he drew strength by reading books on Gandhi.

Stating that Gandhiji's vision can be clearly seen in Shivaram Karanth's award-winning novels 'Chomana Dudi' and as well in most of writer Lankesh's works, he opined that most of noted Kannada writers would agree in full with Gandhiji, while at the same time, it can also be said that those who disagree with the Mahatma cannot be called as great writers.

Observing that there are some confusions because Gandhiji is not read properly, Prof. Huliyar alleged that the then fundamentalists had made attempts to finish off Gandhi intellectually and such attempts have continued even today. Accusing some political parties of creating divisions between Gandhi and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, he stressed on the need for shunning such false propaganda.

Recalling the efforts of B.V. Karanth in setting up Rangayana, he lauded the incumbent Director Addanda C. Cariappa for organising 'Bahuroopi 2020' with the theme 'Gandhi Patha.'

As writer Dr. Prithvidatta Chandrashobhi, who was to deliver a talk on 'Gandhi in Contemporary Perspective,' could not make it to the event, his mother, Saraswathi, a retired Professor, read out the speech sent by him via e-mail.

Poet and thinker Prof. H.S. Shivaprakash from New Delhi, in his talk, said that Gandhiji has left behind a wonderful legacy, which we will have to carry forward without any deviation.

Underlining the need for translating more works of Gandhiji, he said that Kodagu has made a big contribution for enriching Kannada theatre culture, from where Addanda Cariappa comes from. He also complimented the Rangayana Director for choosing 'Gandhi Patha' as the theme for Bahuroopi.

'Do not blame digital media for decline in newspaper readers'

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (PM&SD)- "I hear people saying that nobody seems to be interested in reading paper printed news anymore because of digital media. I do not think so. I would say, newspapers are not publishing people-friendly topics, so they are facing decrease in circulation," opined journalist Rishikesh Bahadur Desai.

He was speaking at a National Seminar organised as part of the ongoing Bahuroopi Festival at Mini Theatre premises yesterday.

"During his 78 years of life, Gandhi had worked as journalist for 45 long years. It is almost twice the number of years that we work as a journalist. Journalism was not a profession for him. Gandhi used newspapers to give voice to the underprivileged section of the society. He just wanted to convey his message to them and imbibe fighting spirit among the people. But today, newspapers are not doing this and hence are declining," he said.

"For communication, all we need is a simple and smooth language. But media is using hard and tricky language. Scientists are of the opinion that if a person is not able to communicate and make a six-year-old child understand it, then that person is not at all aware of the subject he is talking. In UK, there had been a movement to promote plain and intelligible English. And as a result, Government has implemented a law there so that everyone would have access to clear and concise information," he said.

City School bags 'Wipro Earthian' Award

Wipro Chairman Rishad Premji (4th from right), son of former Wipro Chairman Azim Premji, presenting the Wipro Earthian Award-2019 to the students of Kautilya Vidyalaya.

Mysuru, Feb. 18- City's Kautilya Vidyalaya emerged as one of the winners for 'Wipro Earthian Awards 2019' for sustainability efforts of students. Over 55,000 Schools from across the country were part of the programme.

Ten Schools and eight Colleges were selected for the Annual Wipro Earthian Awards for 2019, which were presented on Feb. 8 by Wipro Chairman Rishad Premji, son of former Wipro Chairman Azim Premji.

The selected School teams had to demonstrate their understanding of biodiversity, waste and water through a combination of activity-based learning programmes and essays.

Students of Kautilya Vidyalaya — **Shreya Krishnan, Anirudh Krishna, Amogh Bharadwaj, Debanghshree Chakraborthy and Chidatma Chagant** — worked with Pourakarmikas in city and also various agencies and NGOs working on waste management, and helped create awareness about segregation at source and the ban on using plastic.

The students were mentored by teachers Roopa, Krishna, Nivedita and Paul.

Adjudged Regional Winner in Sustainability Education Programme

The Citizen Convent in Udayagiri, Mysuru, was adjudged Regional Winner in Sustainability Education Programme organised by Wipro Foundation, Bengaluru. They received the Regional Winner Certificates and Memento at a function held on Feb.4 at Kautilya Vidyalaya in city. Seen are (from left) Syeda Umme Haani, Yasmeen Taj, Dr. L. Savitha, Principal of Kautilya Vidyalaya, chief guest Usha Subramaniyam, retd. Scientist from Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Tahseen, the Student Guide Teacher, Umme Anam, Ummam Fathima and Bi Bi Javeriya.

RK Vidyashala NCC Cadets Excel

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (RK&SD)- Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Vidyashala, Yadavagiri, in city had organised a programme recently to honour the NCC Cadets of the Institution who had taken part in the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi and Thal Sainik Camp.

Col. Rajesh Kumar, Commanding Officer of 13 Karnataka Battalion of NCC, Mysuru, was the chief guest on the occasion.

The institution has also bagged Best Institution Award in Karnataka-Goa Directorate for the second consecutive year.

Sgt. Pragyan Sharma has received the Silver Medal in the Best Cadet category in the country.

In the past 10 years, a total of 15 Cadets of the institution have taken part in the Republic Day Parade being held at the National Capital.

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram Mysuru President Swami Muktidanandaji, Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala Correspondent Swami Yukteshanandaji, Principal S. Balaji and NCC First Officer K. Shivakumar were present during the event.

Veteran actress Kishori Ballal passes away

Bengaluru, Feb. 18- Senior Kannada actress Kishori Ballal passed away at a private hospital in city this afternoon due to age related illness. She was 70.

The actress made her debut in 1960 with *'Ivalentha Hendthi'* and since then, in a career spanning over 15 years, she appeared in 72 films and along the way worked with some of the most renowned directors and stalwart actors including Shahrukh Khan for the Hindi movie *Swades*.

The actress also worked in the small-screen in various Kannada serials and in theatre.

Karikallu Thotti renovation

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"Over the last 8 to 10 years, this unique structure has been in very bad shape due to its long-time exposure to rains and sunlight. We are trying to conserve this structure like Jayachamarajendra Art Gallery in Jaganmohan Palace premises. We have also urged the Government to handover the maintenance of Mysore Palace to SDNR Foundation," Pramoda Devi said.

JC Wadiyar lecture by Jairam Ramesh

The SDNR Foundation has organised the third segment of the ongoing birth centenary celebrations of Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar on Feb. 20 at 3 pm at the Senate Bhavan in Manasagangothri.

The programme includes a lecture series by Jairam Ramesh, Rajya Sabha MP on *"Jayachamaraja Wadiyar and the Indian Board of Wildlife."* The lecture will focus on the contribution of Jayachamaraja Wadiyar to our eco-biodiversity and wildlife. This will be followed by a musical tribute to Jayachamaraja Wadiyar by renowned musician Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, "Gaanarajendra Sri Jayachamarajendra."

Later, 'Sri Jayachamaraja Award' will be conferred on Musicologist Dr. R. Satyanarayana [Posthumous], Dr. T.S. Satyavathi and Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar for their contributions to Karnatak Classical music, said Pramoda Devi.

Sale of book on JC Wadiyar krithis

On the occasion, the book *'Srividya Sankeerthana Sudhalahari'* which is a collection of 94 Karnatak music compositions of Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, will be available for music-lovers at the Senate Bhavan, she said and added that this book was released by President Ram Nath Kovind in city on Oct. 10 last year.

"The handwritten 94 compositions by one Chennakeshaviaiah was handed over to my husband Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar. Since the original compositions were in our possession, we decided to publish this book, which is over 500 pages and costs Rs. 900 each. This book has compositions in both Kannada and Devanagari scripts. We are also planning to publish Tamil edition and e-book edition of this book," Pramoda Devi said.

On Devaraja Market

Opposing the MCC's plans to demolish the century-old Devaraja Market, Pramoda Devi said that her Foundation was ready to help the civic administration in renovating the heritage building.

Sharp decline in ground-water level

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Pointing out that there were 8 lakh borewells in the State, including 6 lakh for agriculture, 1 lakh for drinking water and 1 lakh unauthorised ones, Kantharaju said that there were equal number of failed borewells, which is a matter of serious concern.

Highlighting the effects of dried up borewells, he said that polluted water coming out of borewells have been a cause of severe concern, which needs to be addressed at the earliest. He said that better supply and demand management will help save water for future generations.

Speaking after inaugurating, ZP CEO K. Jyothi stressed on the need for educating people on judicious use of drinking water as many people had failed to realise the serious consequences of indiscreet use of water.

She said that many studies have shown that ground-water levels in most parts of the State are dropping sharply more than expected and expressed serious concerns over the quality of ground-water available as water beneath the earth is getting polluted due to industrialisation and other earthly factors.

Jyothi also lamented that guidelines regarding augmentation of ground-water levels are not being strictly followed due to several factors and stressed on the need for carrying out awareness and sensitisation programmes on saving ground and underground water among all stake-holders.

SIUD Director G. Venkatesh Kadagadakai underlined the importance of rain water harvesting and water re-cycling for domestic and industrial use.

Insurance Co. ordered to pay Rs. 37.87 lakh to accident victim

Mandya, Feb. 18 (Nagaiah& KS)- The First Additional Senior Civil Court, Mandya, and the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT) has ordered a private insurance company to pay Rs. 37,87,900 as compensation to an injured accident victim, who had suffered serious injuries to his legs. The compensation amount has to be provided within two months of the order.

N. Puttaswamy, a native of Lakshmegowdanadoddi in Maddur taluk, presently residing at Arkeshwara Nagar in the city is the accident victim. **This is said to be a rare case where the highest compensation amount has been awarded to an injured accident victim.**

Details: On June 6, 2016, Puttaswamy was hit by a car resulting in him suffering injuries to his knee cap of his right leg and also suffering a fracture of his left thigh bone.

Puttaswamy underwent a prolonged treatment at a hospital and had spent Rs.24,43,363 for the treatment out of which he had received Rs. 8 lakh through his health insurance he had with a private insurance company. He had taken a loan for the remaining Rs.16,43,363, following which Puttaswamy and his family members plunged into financial crisis.

Victim N. Puttaswamy

Puttaswamy, on Aug. 7, 2017, approached the Court and the MACT appealing before them that the private insurance company and the owner of the car bear the cost of his treatment.

Puttaswamy's Advocate, N. Channabasappa, had produced seven witnesses and had submitted a 691-page document to the Court. On Jan. 8, 2020, First Additional Senior Civil Court Judge M. Rashmi, who is also the Head of MACT, heard the witnesses and went through the documents submitted by advocate Channabasappa, announced a compensation of Rs.37,87,900 and passed an order in this regard.

The Court has further ordered the insurance company to pay the compensation amount along with 8% interest per annum from the time of the victim filing the Court petition till the time the insurance company pays the amount which is about Rs. 7.5 lakh, totalling Rs.45,37,900. The total compensation amount comes to Rs.53.37 lakh when Rs. 8 lakh provided by the health insurance company is added.

The Court also ordered the insurance company to deposit 70% of the compensation amount to Puttaswamy's bank account and the remaining 30% amount be put in a Fixed Deposit for three years at the bank notified by Puttaswamy.

Advocate Channabasappa said that it is the first time that a maximum compensation is awarded to an injured accident victim and added that if the cases are presented in a sensitive manner, it is definite that the Court would order adequate compensation to such victims.

Farmers picket CADA Office

Farmers under the banners, 'Kabini Raitha Hitharakshana Samithi' and 'State Sugarcane Growers' Association,' numbering more than 100, picketed Command Area Development Authority (CADA-Cauvery) Office on Sayyaji Rao Road this morning and demanded release of water from KRS to all canals. The farmers said that water from KRS was not being released into CDS Canal, Ramaswamy Canal, Virija Canal, Rajaparameshwari Canal and Madawa Mantri Canal. The protestors also demanded that Kabini water be released to the right and left bank canals. CADA Chief Engineer Shankaregowda, who met the protesting farmers, told them that they (CADA officials) were following Government orders and assured the farmers of talking to the Government following which the protest was withdrawn. State Sugarcane Growers' Association President Kurubur Shanthakumar, General Secretary Hathahalli Devaraj, office-bearers Bhagyaraj, Shankar, Somashekar and others took part in the protest.

Student journos bring out 'Bahuroopi Bulletin'

The faculty and students' team of Jain University, Bengaluru, which is bringing out the 'Bahuroopi Bulletin', seen with Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa, Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and artiste Mime Ramesh.

Mysuru, Feb. 18- The faculty and students of Department of Media Studies, Jain University, Bengaluru, consisting of eleven students and Professors Dr. Bhargavi Hemmige, Dikila Bhutiya and Dr. K.P. Divya Kumari, and a former scientist Sreemathi Hariprasad from CFTRI, are bringing out 'Bahuroopi Bulletin' every day and have also made a documentary 'Gandhi.'

Apart from this, they are making a short film on every day events from morning till evening which is being displayed at the entrance of Bahuroopi. The students are Sudhindra, Samhita, Divya, Pallavi, Anusha, Rithika, Anthara, Varsha, Ahshay, Sagar and Rakshith.

Start-up Challenge and Digital Marketing

Interaction, Mega Road Show at SJCE this evening

Mysuru, Feb. 18- Altair and Printalytix will present an interactive session at IS Seminar Hall, Golden Jubilee Block, at SJCE today (Feb.18) at 5 pm. Also, a Road show will be held on the occasion.

The session will give insights about the competition, start-up opportunities and also career options for students, start-ups, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and Entrepreneurs.

Start-up Challenge 2020 is an initiative by Start-up India and Altair for providing high-end technology access and mentorship to start-ups and students.

Start-ups in Ideation or Validation Stage, Early Traction or Scaling Stage may participate and make use of this opportunity to compete in grand India challenge.

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Domain categories and themes to participate are Simulation technology for product design, Model Based Embedded System, Digital Transformation Leveraging IoT, AI & ML.

The selected start-up entrepreneurs would be provided access to Altair's Technology, mentorship and cash Prizes (up to Rs. 8 lakh) to top five winners.

M. Vasantha Kumar, Director-Product Design, Altair and Kiran Karpur, Director, Printalytix, will be the chief guests.

Those interested in participating in the session may call Mob: 63629-82369 (Chandrakanth) or 91089-75856 (Madhav).

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From Plastic to Paper

By Rajkumar Bhavasar

The world today is grappling with plastic pollution challenge. We have become addicted to single-use or disposable plastic with grave environmental consequences. It is true that plastic is valuable and when used wisely, plastic and environment can live in harmony.

About 300 million tonnes of plastic waste is produced every year in the world. Plastic pollutes lakes, blocking sewers, drains and gutters and is generally a menace to the environment. To counter this, Governments have banned single use plastic and have enforced restrictions on production and sale.

Despite proven environmental justifications, the ban ignited anger and fear across the industry and many plastic workers braced for unemployment. But some ingenious businessmen made the snap decision to stay in the bag business, producing cotton and paper bags for the same customers using the same employees, in trend with the environment.

Even in Mysuru, a number of responsible citizens and organisations took up this herculean task. As a forefront warrior against plastic in city, Mysuru District Level Rotary Women Empowerment Chairman Rtn. Srinidhi Murthy has been organising awareness programmes to 'Leave Plastic Bags, Use Cloth and Paper Bags.' She is not only promoting the use of cloth and paper bags but also conducting training sessions for poor women to make paper and cloth bags.

A group of good samaritans and institutions are also working with Srinidhi Murthy including Chairman of Vanivilasa Rotary Club H. L. Yamuna. Members of numerous Self-Help Groups (SHGs) are being trained to make paper and cloth bags.

Yamuna

By selling these paper and cloth bags to hotels and shops, some of the members of women SHGs are earning Rs. 1,200 per day by making 400 bags. There is a lot of demand for these bags in hotel industry and other businesses.

Srinidhi Murthy says, "One can buy cloth from wholesale dealers and start earning with a little effort and the making process is also easy to learn. Rotary is conducting training for SHGs in Brindavan Extension, above the public library building. Trainers Nirmala and Tiwari, who were trained here earlier, are conducting these programmes. We train them in making box-type handmade paper bags and saree bags. About 20 women got trained at Shivarampet Anjaneya Temple too," she said.

"One can get trained, start making bags and sell it back to us. Paper, which is the raw material for making these bags, costs Rs. 15 to Rs. 30 per kg. One can make 70 paper bags using 1 kg raw material. If 10 women start learning and then teach it to another 10 each, it would certainly eradicate plastic menace in no time. In the wake of ban on plastic carry bags, there is a huge demand for paper and cloth bags, particularly in malls and shops. Most of the readymade cloth and saree merchants are using paper bags now," she says. Srinidhi Murthy's husband, R. Ramamurthy, who is the Past President of Rotary Brindavan, is also helping her in this endeavour.

H.L. Yamuna says, "We started providing training in July last year. Till date, more than 200 women from Jayanagar, Naidu Nagar, Kesare and other areas have been trained. Each batch has 20 to 40 women and most of them have sewing machines at their home. They learn not only to make paper and cloth bags, but also gift bags, *tamboola* covers, cake bags, saree bags, etc. Most of them are now earning reasonably well."

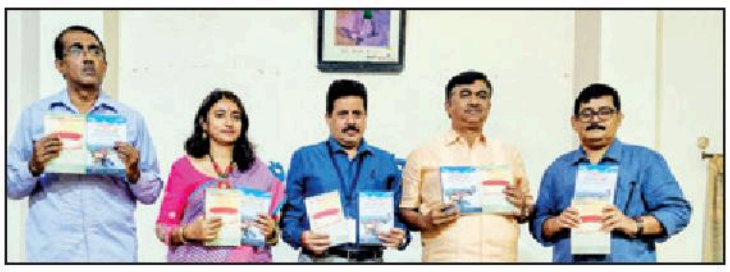
"A specially-abled retired bank manager, who decided to work and earn from home got training here. Now, together with his family members, he makes close to 50 kg paper bags per day and sells them to retail stores in Bogadi and surrounding areas. Similarly, women from our group buy newspapers by paying Rs. 10 to 12 per kg. After making paper bags, they are at Rs. 30 to 40 per kg. Even working two hours per day would fetch an attractive additional income," she added.

"I was doing tailoring work. When I heard that there is huge demand for paper bags, I got trained from Rotary Club. and now earning at least Rs. 200 to 300," says Saraswathi from Kesare.

"I have done SSLC and I make papads and pickles. When I was thinking about getting some additional income, the idea of making paper bags came up. Now, I make 2.5 kg paper bags per day and sell it to condiments stores," says Pavitra from J.P. Nagar.

"Each of our 10-member self-help group are trained to make paper bags. Each one of us are buying 3 to 3.5 kgs of newspaper by paying Rs. 10 per kg. We make box-type paper bags, cloth bags and paper pens and earning at least Rs. 3,000 to 4,000 per month," say Chandrika and Naseema Banu from Kesare.

Book on Jharkhand released



Mysuru, Feb.18- "Natural resources are being eroded because of rapid and progressive industrial development in the country. Industrialisation is one of the key factors spoiling the tangible and intangible cultural heritage," said Prof. Muzaffer Assadi, Professor of Political Science, University of Mysore.

He was speaking at the book release event of Dr. D.C. Nanjunda's works titled, *'Apoorva Jharkhand'* and *'Hadhinentaneya Aksharekhe'* at Pathrakarthara Bhavan here recently.

Prof. Assadi opined that due to industrialisation, tribals are facing identity crisis. He said strong political governance has a close connection with the development of the country.

Dr. Bhargavi D. Hemmige, Associate Professor, Jain University, Bengaluru, said, "through Tourism industry, rapid inclusive development is possible. We have to focus on more potential local tourist places. Many foreign countries are being sustained in the name of Tourism. Rather than visiting abroad, our people should visit places within India." She also added that North Karnataka has a lot of potential to be developed as a tourist hub.

R. Raghu, Chairman, Kautilya Institutions, Mysuru, said, "Quality primary education is must for rapid inclusive development. Government must focus on the education of marginalised people," and added that it is essential for the Government to promote heritage sites considering their historical and cultural significance.

Dr. D.C. Nanjunda, Associate Professor, Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, opined that the Government should provide additional infrastructure to tourism for the improvement of the local economy.

Dr. Lancy D'Souza, Professor of Psychology, Maharaja's College, Mysuru, was also present.

Open House at CIPET Mysuru

Mysuru, Feb.18- Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (CIPET), Centre for Skilling and Technical Support (CSTS), Mysuru, had organised a two-day Open House event from Feb.14 to 16 at its premises.

The Open House was inaugurated by Uday Kumar, BEO (North), Mysuru, in the presence of A.S.N. Murthy, CIPET Chief Manager; Prem, Senior Finance Officer & Admin; N. Ramesh Babu, Senior Technical Officer, CIPET staff and students.

A.S.N. Murthy, in his welcome address, briefly explained about the opportunities available in plastics field and explained in detail about the various courses conducted by CIPET. He also educated the gathering about proper disposal of plastics waste and urged everyone to be socially responsible in maintaining the environment.

As part of the event, CIPET showcased its technical capabilities in terms of mould-making, processing skills and testing services.

Participants from Vidya Vikas Engineering College, JSS Science College and GSSS Engineering College, Ravishankar Rai, Professor, University of Mysore, visited the Open House.

The Open House was held to promote CIPET Diploma and PG Diploma admission JEE 2020. Last date for online application is May 22 and CIPET- JEE is scheduled on May 31, according to a press release.

KSCA Mysuru Zonal League 2019-20

Yashwant slams ton

for Jawahar's CC in drawn tie

Mysuru, Feb. 18- A century by Yashwant (153, 22x4, 2x6) was the highlight for Jawahar's CC in their drawn two-day KSCA Mysuru Zone 1st Division League match played at SDNR Wadiyar Grounds on Saturday & Sunday respectively, in which they gained the vital first innings points against FUCC.

SCORES

1st Division — Jawahar's CC: 155 in 54.3 overs (Ayush Barik 33, Yogesh R. Gowda 31, C. Suraj 26, P. Ramesh 3/1, Surya A. Naragund 2/19) &197/7 decl. in 41.3 overs (Yashwant 153, Bharath 4/26) drew with **FUCC:** 109 in 33.1 overs (S. Pradeep 42, K. Vinay Kumar 23, Ayush Barik 5/21, Subhadip Das 3/38, Afan 2/40) & 99/4 in 28 overs (Rakesh 33, Surya A. Naragund 33 n.o.); **Jawahar's CC:** 3 and **FUCC:** 1.

2nd Division — RBNCC 'B': 107 in 19.5 overs (Punith Revanna 22, Abhuzar Khan 4/45, N. Naveen Kumar 2/26) bt **Star Cricketers, Chamarajanagar:** 103 in 27.4 overs (D. Jayraj 4/20, Videsh 4/12).

3rd Division — SGKM: 290 in 46.4 overs (P. Preetham 95, M.G. Sunil Kumar 50, B. Sanjay 36, Rahul Khatri 4/60, G. Karthik 2/52, Anjan Kumar 2/45) bt **CPCP:** 105 in 28.4 overs (G. Karthik 31, Yashwanth 27, Prabhu 5/38, S.R. Kishan 2/20, H. Darshan 2/22).

4th Division — Agraharam CC: 218 in 49.3 overs (Eshwar Naik 31, Nagshesh Reddy 30, Chethan 3/32, Shiva Kumar 2/41) lost to **Kollegal CC:** 221/6 in 43 overs (Siddiq 82, A.S. Nagarjuna 36, K. Guru Raju 29 n.o., Punith 28, Nagesh Reddy 3/37, Suhas 2/59).

KSCA Mysuru Zone Tournament for Temporary Registered Clubs

Six wicket-win for NMCC

Mysuru, Feb. 18- NMCC, Mysuru, registered a well-earned six-run win over FACC in the KSCA Mysuru Zone Tournament for Temporary Registered Clubs for 2019-20, and entered the final in match played at JSS-SJCE Grounds here recently.

SCORES

Semi-final

NMCC: 169/7 in 30 overs (Rajeeb 40, Vignesh 28, Naveena 20, Waseem Akram 3/30, Hari Haran 2/35) bt **FACC:** 163/9 in 30 overs (Habib 89, Nijaguna 30, Suresh 4/23).

Chamaraja CC: 82/9 in 22.4 overs (Hari Bhaskar 3/13, U.S. Ashik 3/13, Manish Gowda 2/6) lost to **Young Cricketers:** 83/7 in 24.1 overs (Ismail Sheik 25, G. Goutham 2/21, Thouheed 2/23).

Quarter-finals

Chamaraja CC: 175/6 in 30 overs (Prabhu 74 n.o., M.S. Yashwanth 3/25) bt **Srigandha Cricketers:** 168/7 in 30 overs (Siddaram 53 n.o., Abhijith 27).

FACC: 189 in 29.4 overs (Habib 81, R. Madan Kumar 37, Likith 2/21) bt **Professional CC:** 172/6 in 30 overs (Jay Rajesh 57, Mahadeva 56, Ullas 3/25).

City cyclist represents India at Asian MTB Championship

Adonis K. Tangpu with coach T.V. Nagaraj.

Mysuru, Feb. 18- A 17-year-old cyclist from city, Adonis K. Tangpu, a student of Cycling My Sooru Training Academy, represented the country in the 12th Asian Junior MTB Cycling Championship 2020, organised by UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale), at Chiang Rai, Thailand.

He is the only cyclist from Karnataka State to participate in the U-18 age category and has secured 6th place. This is his 2nd participation in Asian Championship. He trains under T.V. Nagaraj, Coach and Founder of Cycling My Sooru Training Academy, Nivedithanagar, for the past 4 years.

City Karatekas excel in State event

The karatekas of Indian Karate Academy (IKA) and students of St. Mathias (Bannimantap) and St. Joseph's (Rajivnagar) Martial Arts School, under International Mabuni-Ha Shitoryu Karate Association (IMSKA)-India in city, have bagged various prizes in the 27th State-level Karate Championship held at University Gymnasium Hall in city recently. Seen are *(standing from left)* ***M.S. Mayur (14 years black belt categories - 2nd in kata and 2nd in kumite), Meagal (13 years - 3rd in kata), Ilavika (11 years - 3rd in kata), Chayadevi (14 years - 2nd in kata and 3rd in kumite), Sempi Vishnu (Asst instructor of IKA), Sensei Abdul Waseem (senior instructor of IKA & IMSKA India), G. Varun (13 years black belt categories - 2nd in kata and 1st in kumite), Harsha Vardhan (14 years - 1st in kata and 2nd in kumite), Jeevan (12 years - 2nd in kata and 2nd in kumite) and Nikilesh (14 years black belt categories - 1st in kata and 2nd in kumite);*** *(middle row - kneeling from left)* ***R. Aaron Leo (11 years - 1st in kata), Md. Farhan (9 years - 3rd in kata), Md. Danish Ahmed (9 years - 3rd in kata and 2nd in kumite), Harshith Gowda (11 years - 3rd in kata and 2nd in kumite), Hemanth (13 years - 2nd in kata and 3rd in kumite), Rishab (9 years - 3rd in kata), Abhimaan (9 years - 2nd in kata), Daniyal (10 years - 1st in kata and 2nd in kumite), Hadipercy (8 years - 2nd in kata) and R. Kevin Leo (8 years - 3rd in kata);*** *(front row - kneeling from left)* ***Fabiha Jalal (below 8 years - 3rd prize in kata), Rithvik (below 8 years - 2nd in kata), Saniya (10 years - 3rd in kata), Bhavani (11 years - 2nd in kata and 1st in kumite), Danish Ahmed (9 years - 3rd in kata and 2nd in kumite), Navanidh Surya (below 8 years - 3rd in kata and 3rd in kumite), Abhinav (below 8 years - 2nd in kata), Md. Nawaz (below 8 years - 3rd in kata), Aanya (below 8 years - 2nd in kata) and Chandana (below 8 years - 3rd in kata).***

Sri Gopalaswami Memorial Cricket

Facile win

for Jo Jo CC

Mandya, Feb. 18- Inspiring batting performances by Lankesh (70, 5x4, 1x6), Somashekar (83) and good bowling by G.L. Yashas (3/8) helped Jo Jo CC to register a big 221-run win over YMCC and enter the semi-finals in the Sri M. Gopalaswami Memorial Cricket Tournament 2019-20 conducted by KSCA Mysuru Zone at the PET Grounds here recently.

SCORES

Quarter-finals

Jo Jo CC: 302 in 49.3 overs (Somashekar 83, Lankesh 70, Rohith 43, Rakshith Shetty 29, G. Pavan 3/33, T.P. Sharbin 2/54) bt **YMCC:** 81 in 26.4 overs (Abhinandan 24, Amith Kumar 20, G.L. Yashas 3/8, Rakshith Shetty 2/29, Rohith 2/17, Arun 2/15).

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Bahuroopi Theatre Fest

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 18)

DRAMAS

> **MINI THEATRE, 6 pm** : **Miss Julie** (Kannada)
Troupe: The Nightingale & the Rose Theatre Association, Chitradurga

> **BHOOMIGEETA, 6.30 pm** : **Paritraan** (Gujarati)
Troupe: Ahmedabad Theatre Troupe, Gujarat

> **VANARANGA, 7 pm** : **Kendonians** (Kannada)
Troupe: Paduva Ranga Adhyayana Kendra, Mangaluru

> **KALAMANDIRA, 7.30 pm** : **Shakunthalam (Malayalam)**
Troupe: Lokadharmi, Kochi

JANAPADOTSAVA

> **KINDARIJOGI JANAPADARANGA 5 pm** : **Pandhi Performance**
South Central Zone Cultural Centre, Chhattisgarh

> **DUFFERIN CLOCK 4 pm** : **Papu Gandhi Gandhi Bapu**
Rangapayana Troupe, Mysuru

> **KINDARIJOGI PREMISES 5.30 pm** : **Kangilu Nrutya (Tulu Folk Art)**
Ramesh, Nesara Kalatanda, Nadagallu, Dakshina Kannada

> **KINDARIJOGI PREMISES 6 pm** : **Rangageethe**
Dr. Lakshmandas & Team, Tumakuru

KAVI KANDA GANDHI

> **TEJASWI KAVIKATTE** : **Recital of poetry**
Rangayana premises **4 pm** written by renowned Kannada poets

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 19)

DRAMAS

> **MINI THEATRE, 6 pm** : **Swabhabhjata** (Assamese)
Troupe: Seagull Theatre, Guwahati

> **BHOOMIGEETA, 6.30 pm** : **Akshayambara** (Kannada)
Troupe: Drama Naan, Bengaluru

> **VANARANGA, 7 pm** : **Kaamyakala Prathima** (Kannada)
Selected parts from Virata Parva of Kumaravyasa Bharata and Kuvempu's *Sri Ramayana Darshanam*
Troupe: Rangabhoomi, Udupi

> **KALAMANDIRA, 7.30 pm** : **Mahatma** (Kannada)
Troupe: Amateur Theatre Artistes, Mysuru

FILM FESTIVAL *VENUE:* SRIRANGA AUDITORIUM

> **10.30 am to 12 noon** : **A Force More Powerful: A century of Non-violent Conflict - Part 1** (2000 - English)
90 mins *Dir:* Steve York

> **12 noon to 1.30 pm** : **A Force More Powerful: A century of Non-violent Conflict - Part 2** (2000 - English)
90 mins *Dir:* Steve York

> **2 pm to 4.30 pm** : **Satya Harishchandra** (1965 - Kannada)
141 mins *Dir:* Hunsur Krishnamurthy

JANAPADOTSAVA

> **KINDARIJOGI JANAPADARANGA 11 am & 5 pm** : **Kol Nritya**
South Central Zone Cultural Centre, Maharashtra

> **GOKULAM 4 pm** : **Papu Gandhi Gandhi Bapu**
Rangapayana Troupe, Mysuru

> **KINDARIJOGI PREMISES 5.30 pm** : **All Women Dollu Kunita**
Nethravathi & Team, Sagar

> **KINDARIJOGI PREMISES 6 pm** : **Mallakhamba**
S.J. Hoogar & Team, Kundagol, Dharwad

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> **TEJASWI KAVIKATTE** : **Recital of poetry**
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Synopsis of plays to be staged this evening

Miss Julie (Kannada) - 6 pm

Troupe: The Nightingale and The Rose Theatre Association, Chitradurga.

Playwright: August Strindberg; **Translation:** Dr. Sumatheendra Nadiga; **Direction:** Amith J. Reddy.

Synopsis: The play is set on midsummer eve, a festival night on which with the scents and sound drive people mad. The play revolves around three character that are present on stage. Miss Julie, the count's daughter and the mistress of the house, Jean, the valet and Christine, the cook. It is also a world where the only progenitor, Miss Julie's father is absent. The play unfolds as a dangerous mating game that turns into battle of the sexes. The play narrates the individual struggles of Julie and Jean. Julie struggles with her past where she has brought up like a boy by her mother, Jean battles the lower class that he comes.

On stage: S. Pallavi, Yatheesh N. Kollegala and Archana Shyam.

Paritraan (Hindi/ English) - 6.30 pm

Troupe: Ahmedabad Theatre Group.

Gujarat Playwright: Manu Bhai Pancoli (Darshak); **Direction:** Raju Barot.

Synopsis: "Mahabharata" is the inspiration of Indian life. The phrase "if it's not here, it's nowhere else" upholds the significance of this epic. The play "Paritraan" is based on Mahabharata's "Udyoga Parva". In Darshak's vision, the war is not between Karna and Arjuna or Duryodhana and Bhima, but it is between Shakuni and Sri Krishna. Shakuni says, "I, a student of Maharshi Kanik, say that the one who is strong is the religion, while Sri Krishna says, "The one who follows religion is strong". In this competition between strength and religion Sri Krishna saves the lives of Pandavas which symbolises the victory of religion.

On stage: Kamal Joshi, Priyank Upadhyay, Dipti Joshi, Garima Bharadwaj, Praful Pancha, Bhoomika Brahambhatt, Ravi Patil, Vaishakh Rathod, Vishal Vaishya, Paridhi Shelat, Chirag Parekh, Harshdeepsingh Jadeja, Vishal Chauhan, Pulkit Shukla, Nitish Parekh, Vaibahvi Bhatt and Rajoo Barot; **Kalaripayttu Martial Art:** Harshal Vyas, Samanvay Dance Studio (6 artiste).

Kendonians (Kannada) - 7 pm

Troupe: Paduva Ranga Adhyayana Kendra, Mangaluru.

Story: M.P. Rajesh; Script and Direction: Arun Lal.

Synopsis: Daamu, owner of a simple village canteen leads a happy and contended life with his wife and children. He enjoys very good relationship with his customers. Podi, a delicacy prepared by him, is everyone's favourite. Like many others he is allured by Sipri, a visa agent with a fat salary in a country named Kendonia. Daamu with much reluctance lands in Kendonia. What happens to Daamu in Kendonia? What job does he gets? Whom does he meet? What happens to the 'podi' he prepares? The play satirically unravels the dark faces of urbanisation unemployment, consumerism and market economy.

On stage: Clanwin Fernandez, Zeena Braggs, Sandeep Tellis, Samuel Mathias, Merwin Fernandes, Anstin Machado, Manish, Jackson Dcunha, Deepthi, Donna, Shwetha Uppadamane, Imaani, Christon and Jackson.

Shakunthalam (Malayalam) - 7.30 pm

Troupe: Lokadharmi, Cochin.

Playwright: Kalidasa; **Translation and Direction:** Chandradasan.

Synopsis: Dushyanta, a king, sets out in hunting and reaches Kanva's hermitage. Among the lush green trees, birds and flowers, Shakuntala is endowed with exquisite beauty. The love-lorn king Dushyanta is stunned to see the beauty and innocence of Shakuntala. He persuades her and they undergo Ghandharva marriage. After a series of incidents, the love between the couple breaks. This relation between them is used as a parable to understand the falsehood of love that focuses only on physical beauty. Chandradasan's "Shakumtalam" is a counter writing where Shakuntala vehemently rejects Dushyanta. This play retells Kalidasa's classic with a contemporary interpretation on many levels.

On stage: Santhosh Keezhattoor, G. Priyaraj, Divya Gopinath, Sudheer Babu Sankunni, Rose Sherin Ansary, Kalamandalam Archa, V.S. Kalamandalam Sarath, Ramya Suvi, Adithye K. Narayanan, P.S. Sreedeep, Aabha Unni Sathar, Parvathi Pradeep, Keerthana Shaji, T.D. Deepesh.

Matki performance by South Central Zone Cultural Centre, Madhya Pradesh, at Kindarijogi premises last evening as part of the ongoing Bahuroopi 2020 National Theatre Festival.

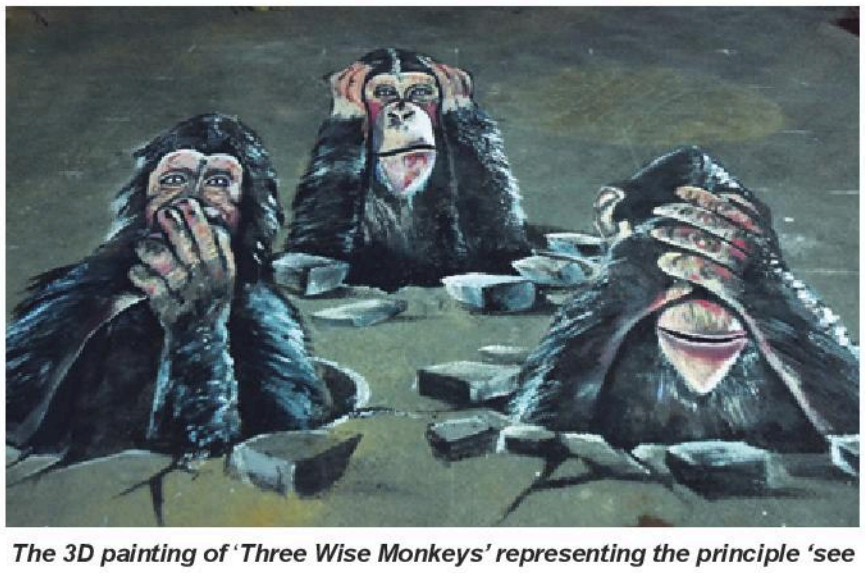
From the art gallery...

'Siddi Kunita' by Girish Parashuram Siddi and team, Yellapur, North Karnataka, at Kindarijogi premises as part of Bahuroopi Janapadotsava.

Arebhashe Janapada Siddhavesha by M.P. Damodar and Team from Sullia, Dakshina Kannada, at Rangayana premises in city yesterday.

Yaksha Sinchana Trust, Bengaluru, presenting Yakshagana 'Kacha-Devayani' at Vanaranga in Rangayana premises last night.

Three Wise Monkeys...



The 3D painting of 'Three Wise Monkeys' representing the principle 'see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil' by city artist Baadal Nanjundaswamy at Rangayana premises that is playing host to Bahuroopi 2020 with the theme 'Gandhi Patha (Gandhi's path).'

WORD OF THE DAY

Gustatory

Pronunciation: GUSS-tuh-tor-ee.
Meaning: Relating to or associated with eating or the sense of taste.
Origin: Gustatory is a member of a finite set of words that describe the senses with which we encounter our world, the other members being visual, aural, olfactory, and tactile. Like its peers, gustatory has its roots in Latin—in this case, the Latin word gustare, meaning "to taste." Gustare is a somewhat distant relative of several common English words, among them choose and disgust, but it is a direct ancestor of gustatory, gustation, meaning "the act or sensation of tasting," and degustation, meaning "the action or an instance of tasting especially in a series of small portions."
Example: December may be full of sparkling holiday soirees, intimate dinners with friends or boisterous family gatherings. This glorious gustatory time is perfect for preparing luscious hors d'oeuvres, creative cocktails, delectable desserts and time-honored traditional treats.

THE ODD WORD

Gallipot

A small glazed earthenware jar once used by apothecaries for holding ointment and medicine.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Get medieval

Meaning: Use violence or extreme measures.

Origin: The expression 'get medieval' was coined in the USA is fairly recent years. It joins a list of figurative phrases of the 'become crazy' form. These include venerable expressions like 'go berserk', 'run amok', 'go haywire' and, more recently, 'go postal'.
The allusion in 'get medieval' is clearly to the forms of torture that were in use in the Middle Ages, the best-known of which was the rack. This grisly stretching apparatus was used to extract retractions of faith from both Protestants and Catholics during the 15th and 16th centuries in England. A notable victim was Cutbert Simson, who is shown in the accompanying image, which records his torture in 1558. He was probably relieved when he was released from the rack, but not for long - he was burned at the stake soon afterwards.
The person who brought the phrase 'get medieval' to the public's attention is Quentin Tarantino, who, with Roger Avary, wrote the screenplay to the 1994 film *Pulp Fiction.* In the film, the character Marsellus Wallace swears revenge on an attacker: I ain't through with you by a damn sight. I'm gonna git Medieval on your ass.

QUOTE BOX

Make a habit of two things: to help; or at least to do no harm.

— Hippocrates

RIDDLE THIS

I make two people out of one. What am I?

Answer : A mirror.

SUDOKU

4	2							
8	5		6					2
7					3			
			9	7			6	
	9		4		1		5	
	8			5	6			
			3					5
2					9		8	1
							9	3

Answer to previous puzzle

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

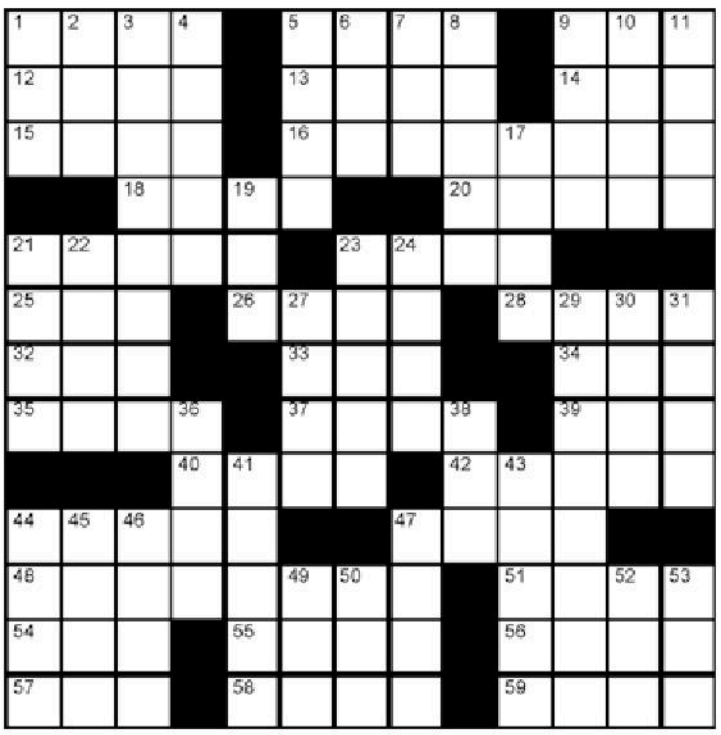
1 Idiotic persons
5 Hurried or ran past, in a way?
9 Ontario, in short
12 _ __ it : I follow this? (1,3)
13 Hebrew month
14 Hawaiian tree
15 Ornamental material
16 Naval unit
18 In short, it is a measure of your car speed
20 Implies or signifies
21 Accompaniment to Mexican food
23 Lacklustre
25 Previous to
26 Scarlett's home
28 Russian emperor
32 Electronic Instrument Sys.
33 Gear tooth
34 Mohammad ___ : "I am the greatest" boxer?
35 Post for sails
37 Greyish white; grey with age?
39 __ de plume : a writer's pen-name?
40 Be dizzy?
42 Rapidity, swiftness
44 Repeatedly or frequently
47 A white wine
48 It may be said to express one's complete agreement? (4,4)
51 Clothes-smoother
54 Letter "E" in Greek alphabet
55 Volcano in Sicily
56 Dreadful, terrible
57 Random Access Memory
58 Sound like a lion
59 Cook in a certain way

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

S	L	O	G	■	L	V	I	I	■	M	O	D
I	A	M	A	■	L	I	M	B	■	E	R	I
C	R	I	B	■	A	S	C	E	N	D	E	D
K	A	T	R	I	N	A	■	R	O	I	■	■
■	■	■	I	T	O	■	T	I	N	T	E	D
M	O	D	E	S	■	G	O	A	■	A	L	I
E	V	I	L	■	N	O	R	■	S	T	A	Y
L	A	S	■	A	I	D	■	S	I	E	N	A
A	L	P	A	C	A	■	P	I	N	■	■	■
■	■	L	I	T	■	F	O	R	A	G	E	D
R	E	A	L	I	S	E	S	■	T	O	M	E
F	L	Y	■	O	U	R	S	■	R	A	M	A
I	L	S	■	N	E	N	E	■	A	D	A	R

DOWN

1 Lorenzo's nostrum
2 Turkish military leader
3 Irresponsible and incompetent
4 Stalks
5 Broad belt worn round the waist by ladies
6 ASAP
7 ___ de vie, brandy
8 Serious play
9 Gumbo vegetable
10 Midday
11 Makes brown by exposure to ultraviolet rays
17 In a person's ___ : under obligation to a person?
19 Butter slab?
21 Indicate, portend or sound to be
22 Song in an opera
23 Salivate
24 Indian music form
27 Throb, pain?
29 Ancient language of India
30 Thanks _ __! (1,3)
31 The __ of the Ancient Mariner: S. T. Coleridge's epic poem?
36 A low card but not the deuce
38 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
41 Go or come in or into
43 Corrosive chemicals?
44 ___ and out : end of wireless communication?
45 White cheese
46 Mine car
47 Use ears
49 Rd. Transp. Off.
50 Girl's name
52 Mineral - "roe" anagram?
53 Fresh and unfamiliar



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

WZC SZT'O VNPNPFNV GMRO MRLLNTNS. GMRO

WZC VNPNPFNV FNYZPNA GMRO MRLLNTNS.

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Part of what makes us human is what we mean to other people, and what people mean to us.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
3rd Class	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Benkiyalli Aralida Hoovu	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Gadappana Circle	Padma	2521923	M. Show
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Saagutha Doora Doora	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
Bill Gates	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
Gentleman	Lakshmi	2443584	2 Shows
Love Mocktail	Lakshmi	2443584	2 Shows
Kaanadante Maayavadanu	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Navarathna	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Dia	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Thundh Haikla Sahavasa	Skyline	2481170	2 Shows
Demo Piece	Skyline	2481170	2 Shows
HINDI			
Love Aaj Kal	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
TELUGU			
World Famous Lover	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Degree College	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Psycho	Padma	2521923	3 Shows
Oh My Kadavule	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Naan Sirithal	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows

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Love Aaj Kal 2020 (H)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 4.15 pm 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Love Mocktail (K)	(S-1)	1.05 pm
	(S-3)	7.00 pm
Malang - Unleash The Madness (H)	(S-2)	10.25 am
Oh My Kadavule (Ta)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Navarathna (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Joker (E)	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Varane Avashyamund (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Benkiyalli Aralida Hoovu (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
Naan Sirithal (Ta)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Gift Box (K)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Blumhouse's Fantasy Island (E)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
World Famous Lover (Te)	(S-4)	10 am, 4 pm, 7 pm 10 pm
Uriyattu (Ma)	(S-4)	1.15 pm

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World Famous Lover (Te)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 3.30 pm 6.40 pm, 9.50 pm
Love Aaj Kal 2020 (H)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 12.55 pm 3.55 pm, 6.55, 9.55 pm
Gaddappana Circle (K)	(S-3)	10.15 am
Navarathna (K)	(S-3)	12.35 pm
Naan Sirithal (Ta)	(S-3)	3.30 pm
Malang - Unleash The Madness (H)	(S-4)	10.50 am
Naan Sirithal (Ta)	(S-3)	3.30 pm
Love Mocktail (K)	(S-3)	6.25 pm
Ak Ayyappanum Koshiyum (Ma)	(S-3)	9.30 pm
Demo Piece (K)	(S-4)	1.40 am
Gift Box (K)	(S-4)	4.20 pm
Blumhouse's Fantasy Island (E)	(S-4)	7.15 pm
Oh My Kadavule (Ta)	(S-4)	9.40 pm

PVR CINEMAS — www.pvrcinemas.com

World Famous Lover (Te)	9 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm 6.45 pm, 10 pm
Parasite (Korean-With English Subtitles)	9.15 am, 6..25 pm
Love Aaj Kal (H)	9.40 am, 12.40 pm, 3.40 pm 6.40 pm, 9.40 pm
Benkiyalli Aralida Hoovu (K)	9.55 am
Love Mocktail (K)	12.10 pm
Fantasy Island (E)	12.35 pm
Navarathna (K)	3.05 pm
Varane Avashyamund (Ma)	3.20 pm
Gift Box (K)	6.00 pm
Demo Piece (K)	9.00 pm
Ayyappanum Koshiyum (Ma)	9.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Sachin Tendulkar 'Carried On Shoulders'

World Cup 2011 Moment wins Laureus Award

Indian cricketers carrying Sachin Tendulkar on their shoulders and making a lap of honour after World Cup 2011 triumph.

Sachin Tendulkar being lifted on the shoulders of his teammates after their World Cup triumph at home in 2011 was voted the Laureus best sporting moment in the last 20 years. With the backing of Indian cricket fans, Tendulkar got the maximum number of votes to emerge winner yesterday.

Tendulkar, competing in his sixth and last World Cup, finally realised his long-term dream when skipper M.S. Dhoni smacked Sri Lankan pacer Nuwan Kulasekara out of the park for a winning six.

The charged-up Indian cricketers rushed to the ground and soon they lifted Tendulkar on their shoulders and made a lap of honour, a moment etched in the minds of the fans.

Former Australian skipper Steve Waugh handed the trophy to Tendulkar after tennis legend Boris Becker announced the winner at a glittering ceremony.

Sachin Tendulkar with the Laureus best sporting moment award.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 18)

Viveka Spandana - Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru: Divyatrayara Jathra Mahotsava - 2020, Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Divyarathotsava, **4 pm;** Talk on 'Yugavatara Sri Ramakrishna' by orator Chakravarti Sulibele, Ramakrishna Circle, Ramakrishnanagar, **5 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 19)

Confederation of Indian Industry (Industry Institute Interaction Panel) and Young Indians (Yi): Poster Session 'Ideathon on Social Innovation' for all the teaching fraternity (School-Higher Education),' Golden Jubilee Bhavan, Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE) campus, **10 am.**

Chatrapati Shivaji Jayantyotsava Samiti: Chatrapati Shivaji Jayanti celebrations,

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procession, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, **10 am;** Stage Programme, **11 am.**

Mysuru, Mandya and Kodagu District Administrations and Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Lifeskills Department, Industrial Training and Employment Department: Mega Job Fair, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's office, **10 am to 5 pm.**

Mysore Open Forum: Talk on 'A Troubling Triad - Energy, Economics, Climate Change' by Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Dr. S.G. Vombatkere, Kalpa Kshetra auditorium, 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **6 pm.**

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